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Darren Lum Staff

The junior Red Hawks football team went all the way, winning the tier 2 COSSA championship at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton on Thursday, Nov. 7. They beat the Quinte Secondary School Saints 28-14 for the third title in 26 years. The last title was won in 1991.

Hawks reclaim championship title

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

How sweet it is.

After a 22-year drought, the junior Red Hawks football team is on top of the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics mountain, taking the title game in front of close to 100 rabid fans 28-14 over the Quinte Secondary School Saints.

Minutes into the game, Red Hawks quarterback Jaydon Wood at his own 40 hit his tailback Ethan

Cooper, who was open at the 50-yard line. Cooper took it the rest of the way scoring the opening salvo. Wood added the extra point for a 7-0 lead at 7:32 of the first quarter.

Both teams played conservatively in the early going, punting on third downs.

A few drives later the Red Hawks struck again.

Wood connected for another completion, hitting wide receiver Kyle Lavergne in the slot, for a 28-yard completion, ending up at the 12-yard line.

Less than three minutes left in the first, Red Hawks tailback Mac Rider, who has been the horse

for the team, carrying them on his back, used his speed and blocks tight-rope it along the sideline to put the home side up 13-0. Wood added the extra point, 14-0.

The Saints could do little to respond. Two penalties, equaling 10-yards lost; all on the same offensive drive didn't help.

Just when the momentum was in favour of the Red Hawks, the Saints caught a break.

Wood, with just 57 seconds left in the first, threw an interception, turning the ball over at the 50 yard

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Haliburton Museum falls victim to vandalism

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

During the past few months Haliburton Village has had a few broken windows.

Three windows have been broken on three separate occasions at the Haliburton Museum, each incident happening on a weekend, said museum director Kate Butler.

While the windows have been replaced, the vandalism is discouraging and costly for the heritage organization, she said.

Two instances happened at Reid House, with the same window broken twice. The other at the museum's log farmstead.

Butler confirmed there was a tool left on the front porch of Reid House on one of the weekends.

The OPP was contacted by the museum and an investigation is continuing.

"I have no idea who did this," said Butler. "We've been very lucky that we've had very little vandalism [in the past]."

The incidents have cooled off for now and Butler is hopeful those involved have lost interest.

Haliburton Highlands OPP Const. Paul Potter confirmed there was mischief at the museum, which included broken windows, a damaged door, railing and broken fence.

"There were several smashed windows," he said.

The police were unable to collect DNA from the scene, which might have led to more information.

Potter said the OPP has no suspects, which makes the

investigation "very difficult."

"We don't know the motive behind it," he said.

The constable is hoping people from the community who might have information step forward, to help find those responsible.

"I'd like to think our Crime Stoppers would be utilized a little more up here," he said, adding there is a decent reward offered and tips are anonymous. "Usually, especially in a small community, it comes out. Sometimes it takes a little while, but for the most part people don't commit crimes and keep that to themselves ... either somebody knows and will say it or the person responsible will say it and word will get out."

Potter said a window was also broken at a local church sometime around Oct. 26.

A stained glass window was damaged at the church after a stone was thrown through it.

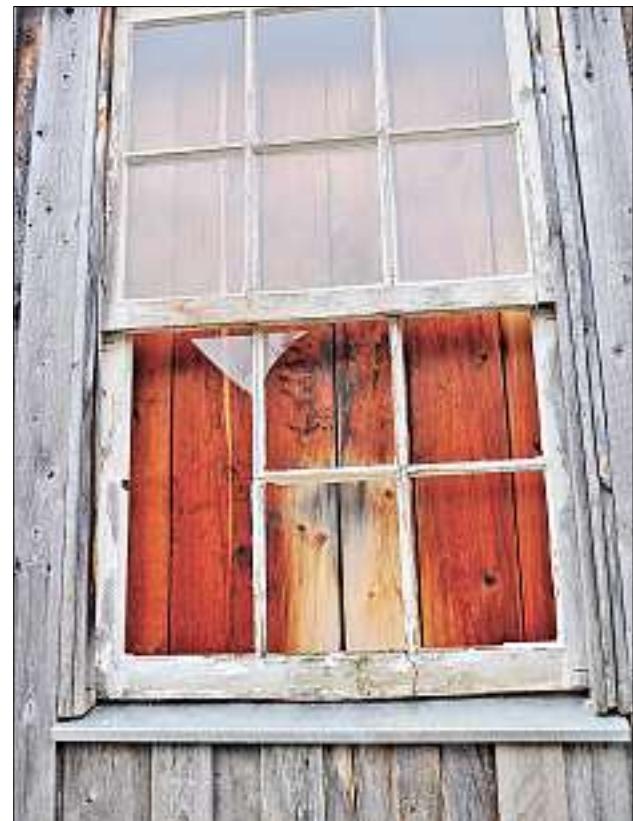
No charges have been laid in relation to this incident either and there are no suspects.

Potter was unable to confirm whether the mischief at the museum and church are connected.

"We're going to keep an eye on it and hopefully we get something."

Angelica Blenich Staff

The Haliburton museum has been victim of vandalism multiple times during the past few months, each incident resulting in broken windows, which have since been replaced by museum staff. The OPP continue to investigate.



Correction

Clifford and Myria Stoughton were born in 1926 and have seven grandchildren. Incorrect information ran in last week's paper.

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The collision occurred around 10 p.m. near Hilltop Road on County Road 21.

The driver had minor injuries.

Excavator driver charged by OPP

On Sunday, Nov. 3, at approximately 4 p.m. officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police responded to a stolen excavator on Loop

Road in Wilberforce.

Witnesses had observed a man steal a John Deere excavator at the work site for the new Wilberforce library branch. The excavator was driven in an erratic manner onto Loop Road and proceeded to strike numerous guardrails and cause damage.

The excavator eventually got stuck on Dark Lake Road, at which time the male operator fled on foot. OPP officers arrived at the scene and with the assistance of witnesses conducted a search and located the man.

A 53-year-old resident of Dysart et al has been charged with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, driving a motor vehicle with over 80 mgs of alcohol in 100 mls of blood, impaired operation of a motor vehicle, driving while disqualified and theft of a motor vehicle over \$5,000.

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Ida Schultz, Meals on Wheels co-ordinator for Community Care Haliburton County, displays two of the 52 types of meals to choose from for seniors and people with disabilities in the organization's walk-in freezer. **Jenn Watt Staff**

More demand, fewer meals for seniors

Jenn Watt
Editor

At the end of each month, when Frank Hartman's expenses are paid, he has \$39.

The 81-year-old lives by himself with his two dogs in a house that feels chilly, despite his \$332 monthly hydro bill.

He uses the food bank, grocery vouchers they provide, and once a week drives to town with \$20 to buy whatever is on sale to eat. He'd like to take advantage of Community Care's Meals on Wheels, but he can't afford it.

"I don't buy [Meals on Wheels]. I only get the free ones, plus what I buy myself – what I can get on sale. I go to town early and buy stuff that's 50 per cent off," says Hartman.

The free ones refer to a special program called "Feed A Senior" that operates on a \$36,000 annual budget.

Last year, through Community Care Haliburton County, each senior with an income of less than \$15,000 a year got 12 free frozen meals a month.

This year, the organization can only give out four a month.

"Now we have so many in need in our mandate that we had to cut back to four meals a month," explains Meals on Wheels co-ordinator Ida Schultz.

"The increase in the cost of food in the store, the increase of heating costs, hydro cost ... it's something else to sacrifice and your health and your food should not be something you sacrifice," she says.

Ninety-seven seniors and people with disabilities receive the free meals across the county, funded through the 4Cs (\$30,000) and Minden Food Bank (\$6,000).

Community Care also takes donations from the public, which could make the difference for how many meals low-income seniors receive a month.

"We use the private donations as well, but we've only received \$2,000 in the last four years of our campaign," says Schultz. "We give away about \$4,700 [in meals] a month, so we

were going over budget by a lot. We know we have to cut back," she says.

Hartman understands the rationale behind the cuts, but says they affect him all the same. "What do you do? You live on macaroni, spaghetti, beans, you know? I [haven't] had a decent roast beef dinner. Some of those dinners that they supply, I have to eat two of them at times," he says.

Community Care will also distribute food made in the community kitchen run by SIRCH Community Services, which comes in sporadically.

Starting with the Family Health Team, Hartman has had access to many of the social services available across the county, but there are still gaps.

For example, while one organization arranged to have better baseboard heaters brought to Hartman's home, potentially decreasing hydro bills, he doesn't have the money to have them installed.

"The whole place is heated by hydro. There's three rooms I don't put the hydro on," says Hartman.

"These baseboard heaters, they're old ones, although I was given new ones. I'm no electrician and I can't put them in and I can't find anyone to do that for me," he says.

Schultz says Hartman's situation is mirrored in homes across the county, where many seniors live alone with low incomes and no way to find extra money to buy healthful foods.

"I have some clients who make \$7,000 [a year]. If they've never worked or they haven't worked for someone with a pension plan, like General Motors, they're going to be under \$15,000 and you're still trying to pay your property taxes – your everything," she says.

To provide more free meals to seniors and people with disabilities, Community Care is running a campaign called Feed A Senior until Dec. 31. Their goal is to raise \$6,000, which goes entirely to buying the meals. If the entirety is raised, that would buy more than 880 free meals for those in need.

Donations can be made by calling 705-457-2941, 1-855-285-2944 or going to www.communitycarehaliburton.com.

New centre to increase food banks' capacity

► Haliburton County Food Centre under construction in Minden with plans to further expand

Jenn Watt
Editor

Construction is underway to convert the current Masons' building in Minden into a hub for area food banks and potentially a community space supporting food initiatives.

A partnership between the Masons and the Minden Food Bank has led to the creation of the Haliburton County Food Centre with the short-term plan to raise the Arcadia Lodge to create 2,100 square feet of storage space.

The long-term goal includes further expansion to include office space, a commercial kitchen, an accessible washroom and meeting space to accommodate not only the Minden Food Bank, but any other organizations working to end hunger in the county.

"We'd been talking about revising the food banking system. It wasn't for lack of effort, it was just no resources," said Minden Food Bank board member John Teljeur.

Teljeur is also a board member with the Ontario Association of Food Banks and recently toured a food bank in Perth, which helped shape the vision for the food centre.

"We're going at the same pace that they did [in Perth] and doing the same process that they did," he said.

The first phase, which is well underway, is a partnership between the food bank and the Masons, which will see the two organizations sharing the space.

Teljeur said the food bank won't be paying rent, but have entered into a no-interest mortgage with the Masons to have the construction done.

The resulting space will allow the food bank to take in larger volumes of food, including perishables that previously were difficult to manage.

Other food banks and related organizations will be invited to use the space for storage, too.

"The focus really is about Haliburton County. The building will be located [in Minden], but ... we can help other organizations like the Cardiff and Wilberforce food banks," Teljeur said.

"The Arcadia Lodge Masons saw this as an opportunity to help the food bank and its efforts to do more in the area,"

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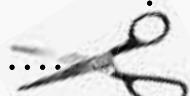
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Chad Ingram Staff

Workers prepare a new basement for Minden's Masonic Lodge on Nov. 8 on Newcastle Street in Minden. The space will become a storage space for area food banks. A second phase is in the planning stage to expand the building to include a commercial kitchen, office and meeting space.

Space will allow food banks to do more

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Mason representative Lorne Heise said in a press release.

Space has been a major factor in what county food banks could accomplish for a long time.

Teljeur said food banks are often offered fresh food, but if they can't find space, it has to be refused.

"You'll get this huge load of goods and we often don't have the space. We have to be very creative in how we store stuff," he said.

He cites the example of the milk program run through the OAFB, which would amount to hundreds of bags of milk.

"Right now, most of the food banks [in the county] wouldn't have the capacity to take that," he said.

With the new storage facility, those offers can be easily accepted.

The storage facility announcement comes on the heels of the passage of an amendment to the Local Food Act, that will give farmers a 25 per cent tax credit on fruits and vegetables donated to food banks.

In a previous article in the *Echo* about the amendment, area food bank managers expressed concern there wouldn't be space to accommodate the vegetables, should the incentive be offered.

It shouldn't take long for the new basement to be added to the lodge in Minden, however, it will take longer to raise money for the expansion.

Teljeur is hopeful the food bank will be successful in getting an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant, but also hopes the public will help out with donations.

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Doing more

EIGHTY-ONE-YEAR-OLD Frank Hartman's house is chilly. It's November, six degrees outside and the Haliburton County resident is conserving energy.

His house uses base-board heaters, which contribute to his \$332 monthly hydro bill. The low-income senior has been given new, more efficient heaters, but he doesn't have the means to install them.

Afraid of electrocuting himself and without any extra income to have a professional install them, Hartman sticks with what he already has.

His food situation is much the same. He spends \$20 a week on groceries. He buys what's on sale. He uses the food bank and food vouchers.

All told, at the end of the month, he has \$39 left over. Not enough for an electrician, not enough for much.

Despite these facts, Hartman feels lucky to have the support of Haliburton's social safety net. He has received help and care from the Family Health Team, SIRCH Community Services and Community Care Haliburton County.

He is provided four free Meals on Wheels dinners a month - down from 12 that Community Care used to provide.

As Meals on Wheels co-ordinator Ida Schultz explains, demand is too great and budgets too small to provide seniors with as many free meals as they once

got.

Community Care is hoping people will help out with donations to their "Feed A Senior" campaign, allowing them to bring healthful meals to those on fixed incomes who need more support.

It's a worthy cause we all should consider supporting, but it's also just one piece of a bigger puzzle.

Hartman is a real person, but he also is symbolic of the hundreds of people in our county who need more than we, as a society, are giving.

Seniors and those with disabilities often aren't able to supplement their incomes. According to Schultz, many widows who never worked are living on \$7,000 a year.

Those who receive the meager four free meals a month in Schultz's program have an annual income of \$15,000 or less.

The organization wants to do more, but finances don't allow it.

It's a dilemma echoed across all of the county's social service organizations and charities and should be a call to action for residents and politicians to do better for those in greatest need.

We must do more, give more and demand our governments do more, too.

To allow anyone to live on \$20 a week for groceries is shameful.

No one in Haliburton County should have to live that way.



Jenn Watt
Editor



Autumn field

photo by Darren Lum

Family

EVERYONE NEEDS A "Nona" in their life. Nona means grandmother in some Croatian and Italian dialects.

We have a Nona in our lives, and we really love her. Nona is the mother of a good friend of mine, and she comes to Haliburton several times a year. When the message comes that Nona is on her way, there are lots of cheers, smiles and hugs to celebrate. We all start to anticipate.

Nona has a heart as big as the entire world. She lets all of us rest into it. She is kind, generous, humble and a hard worker. She loves to look after people. And she is good at it.

She loves her family, and her family's friends, and she settles into Haliburton and takes care of all who are around her. She is happiest when she is in the kitchen making delicious food for everyone; she is a good cook, and she pours her love into it.

We've all learned a lot about Croatian food and culture over the years. I have no doubt that some day my friends and I will have a Croatian holiday because of her stories and food we have eaten; we are hooked.

I have so much respect and admiration for Nona. She has not had an easy life. As a teenager she escaped from communist Croatia and lived in a refugee camp for four years. She met her husband at the camp and they eventually emigrated

to Canada. They had no money, spoke no English, and arrived in Toronto alone and not knowing anyone, when she was seven months' pregnant.

Upon their arrival they were approached by a young priest at Union Station, who helped them. He went to his parish priest, who helped them get some food and find a place to stay for the night, and then begin their Canadian lives. Nona and her husband went on to have three lovely children and six wonderful grandchildren.

My friends and I often talk about how because our parents/siblings don't live in Haliburton we have to look after each other and be each other's family on a day-to-day basis. And so we've helped each other through births, deaths, illness, injury, graduations, concerts, broken hearts and in the day-to-day situations where we need support. We are good at looking after each other and being each other's family.

But I have to say that when Nona visits, or my mom sends up the Christmas cake for the gang, or my other friend's parents visit, we love it. We love their company, their wisdom, their good food, their stories, their humour and the time we all get to spend with them. We love to be held and cared for in their vast hearts. We love to be looked after in a way that only a Nona can.

The world needs more Nonas.



Lynda Shadbolt
Tales from The Great Green Meadow



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points of view

Jest kidding

ONE OF THE UNSPOKEN benefits of deer season is the time it gives you to clear your head and take stock of your life. When you are sitting in a deer stand waiting for a buck to walk by, you ask a lot of the big questions.

"Is it ever going to stop raining?" immediately comes to mind. This is followed by, "Is it ever going to stop snowing?"

Lately, however, I've also had time to consider other interesting things. For instance I've determined that, if these were medieval times, I wouldn't even be a humour writer.

It's not that I wouldn't want to be.

It's more like, back then, the printing process was too time consuming to waste on humour. It took about one week for cloistered monks to transcribe a decent punch line – which would mean that those early humour columnists would have to get their columns in early. And this in itself would have killed the profession.

This also explains why, in the Middle Ages, humour was the realm of the local jester. Yes, if we lived in the Middle Ages, every humour writer, myself included, would be trying to eke out a living as a jester.

Essentially, this would mean we'd spend most of our time juggling – probably chickens.

It sounds simple but it isn't. First, chickens are a messy bird that gets even messier during the juggling process. (Don't ask how I know.) That, by the way, is why I suspect jugglers eventually switched over to bowling pins, flaming torches and eventually running chainsaws. They're far safer than chickens.

Worse still, the juggling of chickens would invariably lead to long and expensive legal battles. No doubt, some other jester would accuse you of plagiarism because he once jugged ducks, which his barrister would claim was essentially the same thing as chickens. (See the landmark case, *Ducks versus Chicken juggling of 1106*.)

Being a jester couldn't have been that easy for other reasons too. Failure to make some noble laugh would have probably resulted in being put in the stockades and pelted with rotten tomatoes and eggs. And though that's not as insulting as what the average humour writer gets paid for a column, it is close.

All this is to say that humour has never been easy. But it is valued by society. The most popular movies and shows on television are comedies. Our love of humour is why Rob Ford's approval ratings have gone up and why he was probably elected in the first place.

And everyone says that women love a man with a sense of humour – though in my experience, this has almost always been from afar in an incredibly secret and completely imperceptible way.

Yet, I am unaware of any day that celebrates the lowly humour writer.

We have National Secretary's Day on the first Wednesday in April. We have International Be Kind to Lawyers Day on April 9. We have National Marooned Without a Compass Day on Nov. 6. We even have National Amnesia Day, although I can't remember when that is.

And all that is fair but I think it's about time we had a day celebrating the lowly jester. I think it would be a nice way to remember and show appreciation for all the laughs.

True, it should not be as big a deal as Remembrance Day or Canada Day. They are serious holidays that we should all respect.

But it is definitely more important than National Drinking Straw Day, which sucks if you ask me. In fact, I don't even believe that this day deserves national recognition.

But Jester Day is different. Oh I believe in Jester Day.



Steve Galea
Loon Tales



pic of the past

Canadian troops reviewed by King George V and Queen Mary. The First World War broke out in August 1914. By December, the first Canadian Division was organized and moved to England for more training. It camped on the Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire County, England. This photo was taken as more than 30,000 Canadian cheered their king when he visited Salisbury Plain early in the war. A majority of Haliburton County men joined the 109 Battalion and began training over the winter of 1915-16 in Haliburton Village. That spring they were off by train and shipped to England. On July 1, they were moved to France. Haliburton's MP, Sir Sam Hughes, was the minister of defence. He insisted Canadian forces fight under Canadian command. The record confirms that the Canadians acquitted themselves heroically in some of the bloodiest battles of the war such as at Ypres, Lens and Vimy. In those four years, Canada lost 60,661 men, which is an appalling sacrifice. Canadian airmen trained and fought with the British since we had no airforce in 1914. Remember Billy Bishop and George Barker? Barker founded the RCAF. Submitted by Tom Hodgson.

letters to the editor

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To the Editor,

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Haliburton

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letters

Results from Zoomerlife Conference refreshing

To the Editor,

On Wednesday, Oct. 23, Robert Stinson, chairman, and Frank Thom, secretary, of the CARP Haliburton Highlands Chapter 54 headed for Toronto to attend the annual general meeting and Zoomerlife Conference 2013, with the focus of the conference being the health, wellbeing and longevity issues as they relate to today's society.

CARP has more than 300,000 members across Canada, and as such, has a significant amount of power and influence in establishing public policy, because politicians know CARP members vote, and they do so in every election whether it be federal, provincial or municipal. While there were many interesting guest speakers who focused on individual lifestyles, science and research, the two most important topics from a public policy point of view were the reform of the Canada Pension Plan, and the need to change our public health care system to meet the needs of today's society, as well as adapting to the needs of future generations.

The finance minister of P.E.I., Wesley J. Sheridan, was the keynote speaker on the CPP reform issue, a very strong advocate for CPP reform. Just prior to addressing the Zoomerlife conference, he had a meeting with the finance Minister of Ontario, Charles Sousa, who is also a strong advocate for CPP reform. Sheridan indicated the CPP in its present form would not be able to accommodate the future needs of society if it stayed the course. The current level of pension payment would not accommodate the rising

cost of living in future generations, and while the current generation of boomers would not benefit from these changes, we have a moral obligation to protect future generations as our forefathers did for us. Sheridan stressed these changes must be promoted as an employee benefit, not as an employment tax. He also felt strongly that the Federal Government will have to make changes after the federal/provincial meetings begin in November, as the provinces and territories now have the two-thirds majority in favour of pension reform. When asked would his province establish their own reform as Ontario has suggested if the federal government did not make changes, his response was, "failure is not an option".

The health care round table was chaired by Libby Znaimer, a prominent Canadian journalist specializing in health and lifestyle issues. Members of the discussion panel included Andre Picard, the *Globe and Mail's* health columnist and author of four books, Susan Eng, vice president for advocacy at CARP, Dr. Louis Hugo Francescutti, named one of Alberta's Top 100 Physicians of the Century, and currently president of the Canadian Medical Association. Also participating was Dominic Pilla, president and CEO of Shopper's Drug Mart Corporation, who also serves as chairman of the Cancer Research Society. With such a diverse group of expertise, one had to appreciate the open and honest discussion that dealt with all aspects of health care, from its present state, to the changes that would have to be made if the health-care system was to remain sustainable. The general consensus



Robert Stinson, chairman CARP Chapter 54 boards the bus in Toronto heading for the Zoomerlife Conference.

was that the system could be saved, but we have to devise better methods of treatment care in order to reduce costs, and more efficiently utilize the expertise within the system. Some of the changes suggested was more accountability from all involved in the health-care system, including governments, medical personnel, and perhaps most importantly, from the public itself. As Dr. Francescutti pointed out, members of the health-care system can help to affect change, but it won't

come without the support of the public demanding from the governments a better return on our health care dollars. This was a very important public discussion that needs to be heard more often. Both negative and positive aspects of our present health-care were discussed openly and honestly, and that was very refreshing.

Frank Thom
Haliburton

Thank you for our freedom

To the Editor

In response to last week's Nov. 5 POW story, I wish to thank and congratulate Kim Emmerson for his research and superbly written account of his uncle Merrill's war-time experiences.

On this Remembrance Day, we honour all those who suffered the trauma of war, and are still doing so. Merrill Bailey was a close and dear friend of mine, who – along with his whole family – supported me in so many ways. They were all valued members of my choir when I first became music director and organist at St. George's. Merrill

and I also shared the Wycliffe College experience (where I was in residence during the university years; in the group photo I'm just below Merrill, second one in).

He was a patient, generous and compassionate man who never talked about his war years.

I'm sure there are many untold stories of other veterans. We can only honour and thank them for the freedom we enjoy. So thank you, Kim, and thank you to the *Echo* for publishing such a great story.

Bill Gliddon
Haliburton

A bombshell?

To the Editor,

I am not often this cynical, but the opportunity for versifying and the inspiration could not be contained given all the events in Ottawa and Toronto.

To Guy Fawkes, the last man to enter Parliament with good intentions.

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Jim Milne
Haliburton

A senior's moment

Gerald Irish
Special to the *Echo*

Too often we become so wrapped up in our own lives and our own petty problems that we forget to count our many blessings.

My wife and I are blessed with a beautiful and caring family. Sometimes we grow impatient with them because they do not have all the time for us we think we deserve or is our due. T

hen they do something that makes us aware of the love they still have for us and the regard in which we are held by them.

Such a reminder came to us when we were celebrating my wife's birthday. The kids and grandkids arranged a picnic for all of us at Sandbanks Provincial Park. They had

remembered this is one of my wife's favourite places to visit. To add to this they booked us into a lovely hotel, and that evening arranged for a dinner in a private dining room.

The dinner, the gifts and the cards were lovely and gratefully received, but they could not compare with the fact that we were all together, celebrating our love for one another.

Thanks kids, for everything, but special thanks for making these old seniors remember that you too have your own lives and families to care for.

We seniors can, at times, become so narrow in our thinking that we forget what it was like when we were raising our families and did not have time to keep everyone else happy. The love is still there; enjoy it when it comes along.

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Businesswomen bring speaking tour to Haliburton

Small Town, Big Dream Tour to stop at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Nov. 25

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

A small town doesn't mean a small life.

That's the message Amy Deagle wants to get across as the keynote speaker of the Small Town, Big Dream Tour, which is stopping in Haliburton on Nov. 25.

Organized by local businesswoman Loran Upton, the tour's goal is to help women living in a rural area realize their potential and goals.

The pair of women met through social media and it was Deagle's outlook on life that spoke to Upton.

"She talked about living in a small town and how you can be successful," said Upton. "She understands the mindset of small-town living."

Born and raised in a small town of 600, Deagle knows the issues and struggles facing rural women in business.

"It can be really scary being that one person who's thinking differently, against the status quo, and really not knowing what else is out there ... because there's nobody to model it."

A former nurse and midwife, Deagle, 29, started her own maternity consulting business called Expecting Success.

It was through this experience she learned she had a passion for bringing women and ideas together.

"My passion was empowering women," said Deagle. "That was my favourite part of labour and birth was the empowerment piece, so I realized I could help them birth businesses and not just babies, and really create more change."

Apart from being a motivational speaker and career coach, Deagle is also the founder and publisher of her own magazine launched last month called *Women of Possibilities*.

"It's been really well received and it has that small-town angle," said Deagle, adding most of the contributors come from a small town. "It's just really showing that you can have the best of both worlds, the small town lifestyle and successful business, and you don't have to choose either or."



I know the challenges and the struggles of small town but I also know the benefits and how to capitalize on that.

— Amy Deagle
Business coach and speaker



A business coach from a small town, Amy Deagle will be coming to Haliburton on Nov. 25 for her Small Town, Big Dream Tour. Featuring a speaking engagement at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, the tour will help women in business realize their passion and purpose. /Photo submitted

After learning more about Deagle, Upton proposed the idea of bringing her to Haliburton for a speaking engagement.

Through her business e-lluminate, Upton has facilitated other women's networking events in the past, including one in April called Wine, Women and Wisdom.

She believed Deagle could bring a fresh perspective to Haliburton County, and therefore organized a tour in Ontario.

"She liked the message of success being a mindset and not a location, and wanted to bring that message to the women of Haliburton," said Deagle.

Upton is inviting businesswomen to reach out to her for the opportunity to meet Deagle personally.

"When she's here I want to do a tour of the town," said Upton. "I want business women to contact me telling me why we should stop by their business."

A meet and greet with Deagle will allow local entrepreneurs a chance to learn more about themselves, as well as ask questions.

On Nov. 25, Deagle will be speaking at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at 7 p.m.

Her talk will focus on how women can identify what they really want out of life and align their passion and values together to create a business plan.

"It's really about getting your talents and gifts out into the world, in whatever aspect that looks like," said Deagle. "How

do you start, how to you get clarity around that, the confidence to actually take that first step and then actually jump in."

The following day Deagle will be offering one-on-one coaching sessions, with those interested able to sign up after the evening talk.

Aside from her Haliburton stop, Deagle will be the key speaker at an event in Barrie, along with two, day-long workshops, all part of the tour.

Upton is hoping this event will attract women from all over the county and beyond, while Deagle is looking forward to her first visit to Haliburton.

"Those are my people, small town woman, that's my thing," said Deagle. "I just get lit-up when I can talk to women that have those small-town values ... I know the challenges and the struggles of small town but I also know the benefits and how to capitalize on that."

Tickets for the Haliburton event are \$45 and can be purchased through Upton. A portion of ticket sales is going to support the YWCA Women in Business program in Haliburton County.

Those interested in tickets, or in meeting Deagle at their business, can email Upton at info@e-lluminate.ca or call 705-854-0485.



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Getting through grief on the holidays

Jenn Watt
Editor

The holidays aren't always joyous for everyone; those coping with death can find Christmas – particularly the first one – hard to handle.

The season is steeped in memories and cultural cues about celebrating family and friends, being happy and social.

It's not always that easy.

"The ... selling point of [Christmas] is a family, warm-fuzzy feeling holiday. The reality is much different for most people," says David Kennedy, the hospice and bereavement co-ordinator of Hospice Peterborough.

nator of Hospice Peterborough.

Kennedy will be giving two talks in the Haliburton Highlands about getting through grief during the holiday season on Nov. 19 as part of the Need to Know series hosted by the Haliburton County Service Providers Network. His talk is called Season's Greetings: When Holidays Collide with our Grief.

"I think it's the intensity [of the season] that brings up that this person [who died] isn't here. We don't know what to do with that," says Kennedy.

Additionally, those coping with loss can feel pressure to continue to participate in festivities as they did in the past, even if they're not up to it.

Some try to maintain rituals and routines they don't have energy for, while others feel guilt for not participating in the range of social gatherings they used to.

Grieving people sometimes worry they will ruin others' holidays if they show their sadness.

"The truth is, you can still experience some joy in [the holidays], but you also need to make room for the sadness. Life is about learning to embrace both of those in healthy ways," he says.

Hospice Peterborough offers a range of services including one-on-one counselling and group counselling in addition to palliative hospice services.

Kennedy has worked with the organization for five years, before that he had a private counselling service.

He decided to specialize in grief in 2005, inspired by personal experiences.

"I'd been to a lot of funerals, but didn't understand grief," he says.

The first Christmas, or significant holiday, after someone has died is usually about just getting through it, he says.

The second can be even harder.

"After a year, people don't talk about the person who's died. They don't want to bring it up because they're afraid of upsetting the person [grieving]," he says.

The upcoming talks will also address the role of the friend, family member, caregiver or professional in helping someone who's grieving during the holidays.

"Often as friends we don't know what to say or do. I'm going to talk about things to do and things that we want to be careful about," Kennedy says.

The workshops are inclusive and non-religious, useful for anyone headed into a special occasion while grieving a loved one (or helping someone who is grieving).

Two sessions will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 19. In Haliburton, the talk will take place at the Legion on Mountain Street at 10 a.m. In Carnarvon, it will be at the Zion United Church at 2 p.m. RSVP to Community Care at 705-457-2941. There will be refreshments. Donations are accepted, but not required.



David Kennedy of Hospice Peterborough will be speaking in Haliburton and Carnarvon on Nov. 19 about getting through the holiday season while coping with grief. The workshop is non-religious and includes strategies for both those grieving and their friends. Photo submitted by David Kennedy

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Employment centre focuses on getting young people working

Special programming, funds for employers available

Jenn Watt
Editor

Being a young person in Haliburton County can be, in itself, a barrier to employment.

Jobs are seasonal, often geared to part-time workers and heavily dominated by skilled trades and hospitality work.

Most young people under 30 in the area already know that, but what some aren't aware of is the help available.

"The community doesn't know there are opportunities out there and a team here to help them succeed," says Marion Willemsen, program co-ordinator of academic upgrading through Fleming.

Several government-funded services to help find work and improve education are co-located at 49 Maple Ave. in Haliburton.

While there are several services offered, to the job seeker it creates an almost seamless system of support.

"I think the key here is building a plan – even if it's the wrong plan, you've got to have a plan," says Bernie Nicholson, employment and training consultant.

For a young person looking for work, a consultant like Nicholson is likely the first stop in the office. Nicholson and her counterpart Kim Quigley help people assess their goals and make plans. From there they could go on to academic upgrading, find work, or training opportunities.

One such opportunity recently offered in Haliburton was the Skills Link program, facilitated by employment consultant Janine Papadopoulos.

Skills Link is a pilot project started in from August including employment skills education and a placement with a local employer with financial compensation.

Eight young people signed up, with seven of them completing the program.

Papadopoulos hopes that each is either able to continue on in employment, goes back to school, or secures summer work as a result.

"What was good was we had great times and rough times, but all eight came every day and finished their training," she says.

The group bonded and will celebrate the program's finish on Nov. 14.

Jobs were found using the centre's employment counsellors, who had a large role in Skills Link.

Participants worked in health services; as labourers; in hospitality and in the beauty industry.

The employment centre has applied for funding to run the program again.

As an incentive to employers, a new Youth Employment Fund is available to encourage hiring young people through the employment office.

Money will offset training costs associated with bringing youth into the workplace.

When it comes to young people, Willemsen says there's an abundance of energy to work with.

"Once they have a plan, they have all the enthusiasm in the world to carry it out," she says.

Headed into the winter, unemployed people, or those considering a new career path, might look into training opportunities, Willemsen says.

"Do your schooling over the winter [to prepare for summer]," she says.

Staff at the employment centre can be reached at 705-457-2020, you can go to www.flemingcrew.ca or drop by the office on the second storey at 49 Maple Ave. in Haliburton.



Jenn Watt Staff

Help is available for youth looking to go back to school, find a new career or start a business. Some staff available to help include from left, Marion Willemsen, academic upgrading; Bernie Nicholson, employment consultant; and Janine Papadopoulos, employment consultant.

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New pet grooming studio opens

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

It's not your average student job.

When Chris O'Mara-Enders was in university he began working at a pet grooming business, to earn money for his educational pursuits.

Born and raised in Haliburton, O'Mara-Enders became passionate about his part-time job and has now opened his own business at 104 Highland St.

PrettyPaws Pet Boutique and Spa is a professional dog-grooming salon that offers bathing and fur cutting services, as well as nail clipping, nail grinding and tooth brushing.

The decision to move back into town was all about family and opportunity for the 23-year-old Haliburtonian.

A graduate of Lakehead University, where he studied sociology and social work, O'Mara-Enders wanted to be living closer to his family, especially his two young nephews.



Angelica Blenich Staff

PrettyPaws Pet Boutique and Spa owner Christopher O'Mara-Enders gives Jethro a new look at his new business on Nov. 1. Located at 104 Highland St., PrettyPaws is a professional dog grooming studio that opened its doors this past October.



Touch of Class Day Spa and Salon owner Sharon Rowden is all smiles at her new business location, formerly Seasons salon. The day spa moved to the building located at 2 Victoria St. last week, from their former home on York Street.

"I was watching my nephews grow up in pictures," he said.

The owner moved back to town this summer after the downtown location became available and opened this past October.

A dog enthusiast, O'Mara-Enders treats his clients like they're his own pets, carefully getting to know each one. He welcomes all dog breeds to the salon.

With tether hooks all over the spa, the groomer ensures no dog is ever left in an unsafe situation.

"The salon was designed to be easily kept clean and safe," he said. "I never walk away from a dog on the table."

O'Mara-Enders is a member of the National Groomers Association of Canada and has experience working in many other grooming studios, where he learned wide-ranging skills.

"There's a lot more in our job as groomers than just cutting hair, because we are working with live animals," he said.

And of course each dog gets a bag of treats after its service.

O'Mara-Enders plans to expand in the future, eventually carrying pet food.

Apart from the pooches, he is also committed to the community, having already organized food drives for the local food bank, in exchange for free toenail clippings.

PrettyPaws is open Tuesday to Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with early morning drop-off and late pick-up available by appointment.

More information about PrettyPaws can be found online at www.prettypawspa.com or by calling 705-457-0634.

Details on bookings and promotions are on the company's Facebook page.

Touch of Class moves, expands services

A downtown spa has found a new home and expanded its services.

Touch of Class Day Spa and Salon has left its location on York Street and moved to 2 Victoria St., where Seasons Salon was formerly located.

Owned by Sharon Rowden, the day spa has expanded to now include hairdressing, as well as the esthetic and tanning services it previously offered.

Touch of Class opened at its new home on Nov. 5, with a slightly "made over" look.

"We're excited about this," said Rowden. "There is more room."

The staff from both Touch of Class and Seasons will continue to work at the new location.

Both men and women's hairdressing is available and walk-in clients are always welcome.

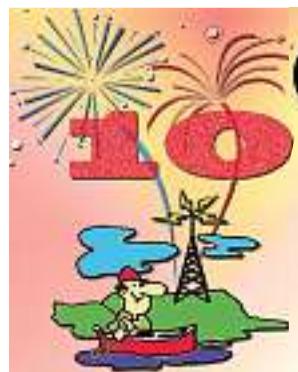
Rowden believes the expansion of her business will appeal to bridal parties, with multiple clients able to receive services at the same time.

"It makes it more convenient," she said.

The owner also hopes to offer more products and retail items in the future.

"I think it's really going to fly," said Rowden.

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Attendees of the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists' talk on beech bark disease check out a piece of wood with beech bark disease on Oct. 17 at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Dr. Richard Wilson, a forest pathologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources, gave an overview of the disease and how to find it in the forest.

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The lessons of beech bark disease

Jenn Watt

Editor

Killbear Provincial Park found out how devastating beech bark disease can be in a snap.

The disease, a combination of a fungus and an insect, has been killing and crippling trees across the province and found its way into Ontario's third most popular park near Parry Sound in 2012.

The resulting beech snap – when the structural integrity of the tree is compromised by the scale insect and a secondary fungus comes in – caused such a public safety concern, the park staff decided to embark on a \$1.38 million campaign of beech tree removal.

"That's a phenomenal amount of money for an invasive species," Dr. Richard Wilson of the Ministry of Natural Resources told the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists during a presentation recently.

The forest pathologist showed the group gathered at the Haliburton Highlands Museum photos of picnic tables crushed by beech trees that had given way.

Fortunately, no one was hurt.

Beech bark disease has become prevalent throughout southern Ontario in recent years, spreading quickly and killing trees in its wake.

Wilson stressed to the group that not all trees will die of the disease and that beech trees will continue to grow, but they will have changed substantially from strong, tall grey trees to something more spindly and gnarled.

The disease is a two-step process. First, the insects called "scale" come in, producing popcorn-like flakes on the tree about the size of dandruff.

Then comes the fungus.

It's the combination of the two that makes beech bark disease.

Wilson explained that between one and four per cent of trees are considered resistant, meaning no scale insect feeds on these trees for some reason.

Some trees have a tolerance for the disease and will create barriers and calluses to limit the fungus's spread.

To identify beech bark disease, landowners should look for eye-shaped cankers on tree trunks or bright red fruiting bodies. You can also look for the white fluff put out by the scale insect.

The disease spreads through wind, but scientists believe it's been given a hand by humans.



Dr. Richard Wilson, a forestry pathologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources, speaks to a group of field naturalists at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on Oct. 17.

"We shouldn't be moving firewood for a lot of reasons," said Wilson, who pointed out that firewood and other products shipped around the world by humans has done a great deal of damage to ecosystems.

He showed a list of tree diseases that have spread through infected plant nursery stock over the years including white pine blister rust; American chestnut blight; dogwood anthracnose; and sudden oak death.

There is little that can be done about beech bark disease. Though there are insects that prey on the scale and a fungus that attacks the disease's fungus, they aren't enough to slow its movement.

The arrival of the disease is a cautionary tale of the impact invasive species can have on the environment.

Back in time

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

The 2013/14 season of Razzmataz Kids' Shows had a musical introduction as four-man-band Cadence brought their show, *An A Cappella History Through the Voice*, to the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

Stuck in time, group members Carl Berger, Aaron Jenson, Ross Lynde and Kurt Sampson had to sing their way back to the present, taking children on an educational journey along the way.

The next Razzmataz show will take place Nov. 17, as Marionettes present *Molly and the Oak Island Treasure*.

For more information on Razzmataz, visit www.razzmataz.ca.

Chad Ingram Staff

Cadence perform *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* as they give a lesson in gospel during their performance at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Oct. 27.



remembrance day



Royal Canadian Legion Haliburton branch colour party marches during the Haliburton Remembrance Day ceremony.



Royal Canadian Legion Minden branch Sergeant-at-Arms Noel Swift salutes while president Keith Welborn looks on during the Haliburton Remembrance Day ceremony at the cenotaph on Monday, Nov. 11. Hundreds attended the annual event to honour those who served and continue to serve.

Photos by Darren Lum



Above, Rob Snelgrove, far right, plays at the Haliburton Remembrance Day ceremony at the cenotaph.

Right, A Royal Canadian Legion Haliburton branch member stands and salutes with Second World War veteran Olive Smith, 89, right, who served with the British army artillery from 1941 to 1945.



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Haliburton walkability on right footing, audit reveals

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

No one ever said it would be easy or happen over night.

However, a recent walkability audit led by Canada Walks consultant Kate Hall showed Haliburton is moving in the right direction to a safer place for pedestrians and cyclists.

Is it perfect?

No, but compared to the time before the streetscape, the village of Haliburton has improved.

The turnout on Oct. 28, particularly the municipal staff and the council members, pleased Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit health promoter Sue Shikaze.

"It was a great opportunity to hear from staff about some of the details around the process in preparing for the streetscape project, particularly the important role of Hydro One and local businesses," she said.

Dysart's director of public works Brian Nicholson pointed out there were merchants who were key to the project, allowing transformer boxes to be installed on their properties. Without such co-operation, the hydro lines would have remained suspended on the poles.

Participants received a map and a guide that directed attention to the streetscape, aesthetics/social, sidewalks, trails and connectivity and crossings.

The tour of the town was divided into a walk around the downtown and then out County Road 21.

Reeve Murray Fearrey appreciated the tour and said it was a pretty good review.

"It's always good to have another set of eyes look at it. Some things are physically difficult to do in these rural municipalities, but I thought it was a worthwhile exercise," he said, referring specifically to York Street and Hwy. 118.

Fearrey, who wants to encourage large trucks to take York Street instead of Highland Street, said it's impractical to extend the corner, as it would impede with transport trucks from turning.

Out towards the high school, Shikaze said the group identified the bridge as a "hot spot for pedestrians."

"Since there is sidewalk only on one side, and the existing sidewalk is not very wide and not useable in the winter, there was discussion about the new paved shoulders and how these will improve safety for cyclists. The paved shoulders provide a space for pedestrians heading out towards Tim Hortons," she said.

Crossing is a challenge she said, as the streetlights at the Independent and at the Tim Hortons are not ideal.

"Neither is ideal, as in the former, the pedestrians end up walking in the same direction as traffic - it's not a recommended practice, and in the latter, they are crossing in the middle of a busy spot," she said.

She adds road markings could help with safety for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists.

Ideas include a single white line, a wider line, and a double-line with space in between and pedestrian and cyclist sym-



Darren Lum Staff

The Walkability Audit of the village of Haliburton took participants through town using features such as this laddered crosswalk and on Hwy. 21 on Monday, Oct. 28. It examined the improvements made from the streetscape project and tour leader Kate Hall of Canada Walks raised suggestions on how other areas could be safer and more pedestrian friendly.



Kate Hall, consultant with Canada Walks, speaks to a group participating in the Walkability Audit of the village of Haliburton on Monday, Oct. 28. The audit toured the village, discussing problem areas and endorsing areas that are safer and encourage pedestrian use.

bols painted on the shoulder to alert drivers of the activity.

Painting markers or lines for visual cues are likely, Fearrey said.

"Any of those line painting things are pos-

sible and possibly are not a big ticket item and if that helps then absolutely," he said.

Some of these changes will be considered when road painting is performed this spring, he said.

Closer to town, Fearrey foresees work to address the deteriorating sidewalk from the intersection of York Street and Cedar Avenue out to the streetlight before the high school.

"That's on the radar to be done. It's just a matter of money and when we get to do it," he said.

The intersection of York Street and Cedar Avenue remains another concern for the township. Fearrey, who agreed changes will come, wishes people would take a few extra steps and cross where it's safest.

"The main thing that has to happen there is they need to cross at the cenotaph. The lines are there so if you want to get to [the south] side of the street, either take the risk ... or go up to where it is legal to cross and come down. Nobody wants to walk any further than they have to," he said.

A variety of ideas were presented from road markings to a crosswalk for the intersection.

"We'll think about that intersection. I know that's the worse one left in town and we all know that," he said, adding Dysart would consider road markings before the suggested pushbutton crosswalk. Among the factors is the municipality's liability related to slippery winter conditions.

Speeds are too fast, particularly coming into town.

Hastings, Campbellford and Warkworth

have electronic signs indicating road speed for routes coming into town, Shikaze said.

"These have proven to be helpful in getting people to slow down. The idea of reducing speed limits i.e. creating a community safety zone, was raised, and along with this, the need to have enforcement on a regular basis," she said.

The environment can also slow traffic such as visual cues of narrower travel lanes, more pedestrian and bicycle activity, trees and plants.

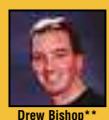
Any decisions, whether it's related to reducing speed or painting lines, can still be circumvented by human nature, Fearrey said.

"It's nice to [reduce speeds]. It makes it safer, but on the other hand you can discourage people from coming into town. It takes so long and they get frustrated. I know nobody wants to hear that, but that's what I'm hearing from people. You'll never stop some people from being idiots. It doesn't matter whether you double-line or triple-line or put in a four-way stop. There are still going to be people who drive too fast," he said.

Fearrey adds everybody needs to work together for safer roads from the police, who enforce the law, to the drivers, bikers and pedestrians.

Hall will prepare a report to summarize findings with this audit and the community forum held last spring.

It will be presented to council and the information will help to update the Haliburton Active Transportation Plan early next year.



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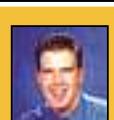
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'They always bring it together on game day'

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line. The Saints would use the momentum to score.

A 10-yard holding penalty against the Saints took their touchdown back. However, the penalty came after the first yards were gained so the momentum remained with the visitors.

Close to seven minutes left in the half, Saints quarterback Brandon Curtis threw a touchdown pass to his slotback Anthony Aylesworth from the 15-yard line, narrowing the deficit to 14-6. Then Saints Owen Jancar couldn't get the kick off, keeping the eight-point deficit.

Red Hawks Rider turned the tide.

His 40-yard rush, taking the ball to inside the five-yard line set up the Ryan Hill two-yard touchdown run putting the score 21-6.

A Saints turnover on their drive solidified the loss of momentum.

Haliburton's confidence was brimming, as demonstrated by a trick play executed for 10 yards.

Wood made a short pass to Lavergne in the flat, who quickly pivoted and lateraled the ball to a rushing Rider who took it down the sideline for a first down.

Despite the momentum shift, the Saints didn't stop coming.

Less than a minute in the half, the Saints' Brandon Curtis found slotback Anthony Meeboer behind the secondary. Meeboer ran it to the Red Hawks' five-yard line.

Saints' fullback Ethan Mastin punched it in to narrow the gap. Teammate Curtis completed the two-point convert with a scoring rush out wide off of play action.

The score was 21-14 with less than 35 seconds left.

Even with a Red Hawks turnover during the punt return when the returner fumbled, the Saints could not overcome their own turnover demons on the subsequent drive.

With a couple yards to go on third down, the Saints fumbled during the exchange on a reverse-play, giving the ball back to the Red Hawks.

On the next Red Hawks offensive drive, a Saints facemask and unsportsmanlike penalty worth 15-yards bolstered the definitive momentum shift to the home team.

Rider, who took the handoff from the Saints' 40 yard line, put the game away with a touchdown dash, following his blocks and evading tacklers, taking it down the sideline for his second touchdown of the game. Wood added the extra-point doubling up on the Saints 28-14.

Red Hawks coach Bruce Griffith, still wet from the celebratory shower thanks to his captains' dousing, said he was happy and proud of his team.

"I've told these guys they're the worst practice team I've ever coached in 26 years, but they always bring it together on game day."

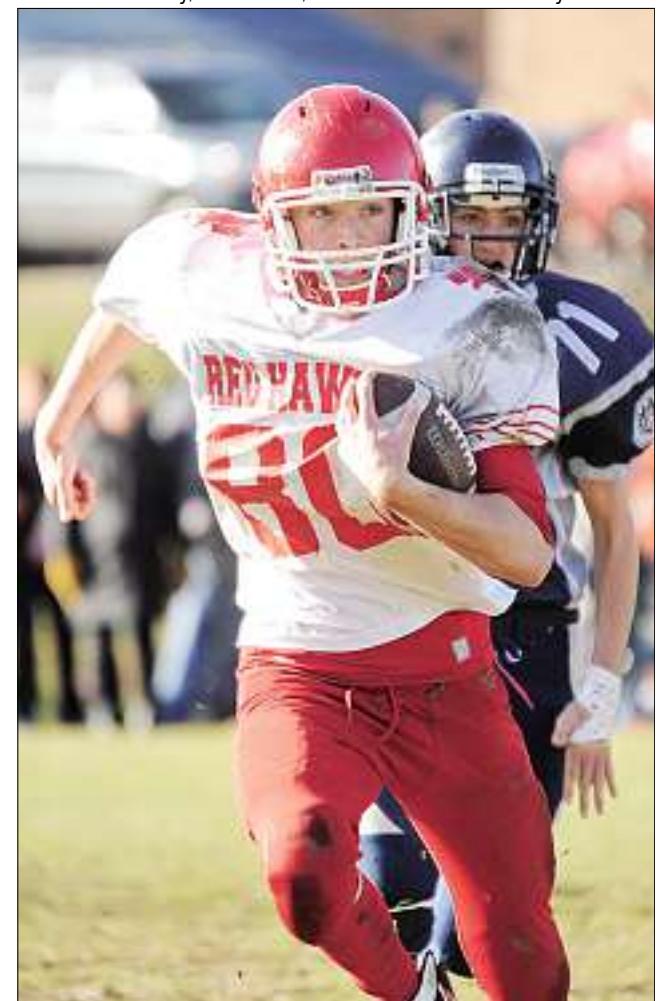


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The Red Hawks defence stood tall keeping the visiting Saints to 14 points in the COSSA championship game at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton on Thursday, Nov. 7. The Red Hawks won the game 28-14.



Bottom left, Red Hawks wide receiver Kyle Lavergne, left, battles for a passed ball with Saints defensive back Will Thomson. Bottom right, Red Hawks junior football coach Bruce Griffith reacts to getting doused with water thrown over him by his players following the COSSA championship title game win.



COSSA highest achievement for Tier 2 football team

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They're good athletes. That was the difference today. Home field advantage is always huge. They play a lot of games on turf. We're used to the mud."

Griffith adds his defence played with heart.

"I told them to play with Red Hawks pride and they did," he said.

They limited Saints slotback Aylesworth's effectiveness.

"He's an exceptional athlete. We shut him down and that was a key. Our defence played strong," he said.

This is the third COSSA title win under Griffith's leadership in 26 years.

It's the very first win at home and was pretty special, particularly when the other school is double the size, he said.

"We're the underdogs, but we pulled it off," he said.

After winning the title, he joked with his team saying it was perfect time to retire, but later retracted his statement.

"I know next September I'll want to be out here. No I can't retire," he said.

The Saints were 5-1-0 during the regular season.

They came off a 7-6 title win over AAA Centennial Secondary School in the Bay of Quinte final. The Saints have won four titles since 2000.

COSSA is the highest level of play for tier

2. For all the individual achievements and records this season this game rightfully belonged to the team. They executed on both sides of the ball and virtually played a penalty free game.

Quarterback, special teams player and defensive back Jaydon Wood loved winning it all at home.

"It was great to be on home field to win it with my family and my friends and everybody around. It was great," he said.

He couldn't say enough about his team, who he credited with his individual achievements. "It wasn't all me. It was my team. My team had a lot to do with it," he said, referring to the 843 passing yards team record.

Red Hawks outside guard Devon Bangay described the team as a family and to win it all as "beautiful."

"They're like my brothers. I played with them all year and last year. We play well together. We're brothers and we got this," he said.

Note: Wood's passing record broke James Roberts' record of 729 yards, set in 2004.

Among his favourite targets included wide receiver Kyle Lavergne and Ethan Cooper, who set his own record of 410 yards receiving. Cooper broke Josh Townsend's 2004 record of 368 yards receiving. The coaching staff included Ryan Merritt and Raavo Laidla.

This weekend the Red Hawks will play Nottawasaga Pines Secondary School in Orillia. See next week's Echo for a detailed story.

Left, Red Hawks linebacker Shane O'Reilly, left, completes his hit on Saints quarterback Brandon Curtis in the COSSA championship final. Right, Red Hawks tailback Mac Rider, who finished with two touchdowns to lead all players, carries the ball in the first half.

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The Kai-Shin North Branch invitational Shiai included groups from across the region on Nov. 10.

Sportsmanship and respect key at invitational Shiai

Sarah Vance
Special to the Echo

Athletes from across the province travelled to Haliburton on Sunday, Nov. 10 to test their strength and skills during the fourth annual Kai-Shin North Branch invitational Shiai.

A Shiai is a karate tournament that includes technical demonstrations and sparring. It is a chance for friends, family and community to celebrate the hard work and achievements of the dojo.

A dojo is where martial artists train. It is built upon a foundation of respect, trust and discipline. Sensei Mike Chapman's Kai Shin Dojo welcomes students of all ages and skill levels, many of whom competed in Sunday's tournament.

At Chapman's annual Shiai, athletes and families spend a full day at the A.J. LaRue Community Centre sharing in his tradition.

"We had a great breakfast at the Legion and we are meeting everyone later at McKeecks for dinner," said Butch Weir who travelled from Peterborough, bringing his seven-year-old son James to compete.

Eryn Smelt brought her entire family from Port Hope to enjoy the local attractions. Both she and her daughter Amber took gold in their respective sparring divisions.

"I've only been training for two months,"

said Eryn. "But I have been watching my daughter for years – it's all about sportsmanship and respect."

Among the Snow Tigers from Bancroft was Diana Smith, who took gold in her category.

"I've gotten great feedback from the judges today, and I've learned a lot," said Smith.

"Monty Guest is here today," said organizer Mike Chapman. "And he told me that he is impressed with the work he is seeing."

Master Monty Guest is amongst the founders of the Kai-Shin tradition. He is known as the voice of martial arts in Canada and is a Black Belt Hall of Fame inductee.

"It has been a fun day for our club," said Chapman. "Everyone was respectful, safe and we all had a good time."

Chapman's seven-year-old student Westin was proud to have his grandmother and father see him win two gold medals.

"My dad drops me off at the club on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday," said the young athlete. "Karate is fun."

Another of Chapman's students Pratham, whose family's business, Subway, is located beside the dojo, loves competing in tournaments and also took home gold.

Learn more about Chapman's Kai-Shin North Branch on Facebook or visit his website at www.kai-shinnorth.com. You can drop in Monday through Thursday, and every Saturday.

Bantam A Storm has successful weekend

The Highland Storm Smolen Dentistry Bantam A Team have had a very productive week-

end facing off against South Muskoka twice being victorious in both games. The first game

was Friday night in Haliburton with a very fast and furious

game of back and forth play but Storm were just that much stronger pulling out a 4-3 win.

Goals went to Payton Mischio in the first period assisted by Josh Boice and Ethan Keefer,

then in the second period Owen Patterson Smith scored assisted by Payton Mischio and Kyle Cooper and soon after

Kyle Cooper scored assisted by Owen Patterson-Smith and Payton Mischio and the forth goal in the third period was scored by Matt Wilbee assisted by Owen Smitty

Smith and Nolan Flood. Josh Bellefleur was very strong in the Storm net.

The second game had the Storm travelling to Gravenhurst on Sunday where they went hungry for a good win

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Storm victorious in many games

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and that is what they got winning 4-1. Matt Wilbee scored in the first period assisted by Nolan Flood and Owen Smitty Smith and the Storm never looked back after this. In the second period Chase Burden scored our second goal assisted by Chris Thompson and Mark Saville and again in the second Nolan Flood scored assisted by Owen Smitty Smith and finally in the third Kyle Cooper scored assisted by Owen Patterson-Smith and Josh Boice. Parker Smolen had a fantastic game in net.

Submitted by Tammy Smith

Storm didn't give up

On Saturday, Nov. 2, the Huntsville Otters came to Haliburton to play the Minden Canadian Tire Novice Storm team. Huntsville opened the scoring with a goal in the first. Goalie Damon Harriss doing his best at keeping the puck out with the Otters still pouncing, they scored three more. Matthew Vargas scored unassisted to lift the Highland Storm. They pounded the net for the rest of the period trying their best to get back in the game.

The Storm regrouped and came out flying in the third. With Evan Gilbert's hard work and determination, he scored unassisted to make the game 4-2. Both teams were fighting back and forth. Huntsville rushed the net scoring to make the score 5-2. Highland Storm pounced back at the Otters trying their best to gain back the goals they needed. They didn't back down they tried everything in their power, but came up short with Huntsville winning the game 5-2.

Submitted by Ron Hall

Peewee AE play their heart out

Highland Storm's Peewee AEs, sponsored by the Haliburton Family Medical Centre, had three games this weekend. Saturday was an afternoon tilt against the Oro Thunder. Our squad opened the game in overdrive, applying pressure right away and not letting up. A coaching decision to move Colby Lambshead up to forward paid dividends early as he potted in a rebound after Noah Black blasted one from the point. Little did either team realize that that would be the only goal the Storm would need on this day. The Storm played a strong game and goalie Jaxson Campbell was spectacular, posting his first shutout of the year.

On Sunday the squad played a double-header against North Muskoka. The character of the Storm is one of consistent pressure on the forecheck and in both games the team was a driving force, pressuring North Muskoka throughout. Unfortunately, misfortune dictated the day and the Storm found themselves down by three at the end of the second. In the third, the unit struck hard, Lexie Tait scored first to bring the game to within two and with only a minute left and the Storm net empty, Brady Baldry shuffled in a loose puck to make the final score 3-2. In the second game, our crew continued their relentless effort and held the North Muskoka Lightning in their zone for much of the game. In the final minute of the second, Tanner Crang won the draw and passed it over to Denver Allore who found Billy Walker at the point. Walker's shot made it through several defenders before finding the back of the net. In the third, the Lightning tied it up quickly but James Alexander put us back in the lead on a goal that was assisted by Brady Baldry and Colby Lambshead. The Lightning had a couple of lucky breaks though and scored two quick goals to put them back in the lead for good. It's a shame. The Storm played their heart out this weekend but were rewarded with little in the way of wins. The rewards run much deeper though because they can take pride in the fact that they left it all out there on the ice.

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Bantam AE play tough game against Port Carling

The Bantam AE squad, kindly sponsored by Tom Prentice Trucking, needed something good to happen. They had played fairly well last week but hadn't been rewarded for their

effort and you could see that the boys were starting to question themselves. The coaching staff, led by Jason Billings, continued to stress that effort would eventually pay off and that the Storm just needed a few breaks for things to start to come their way. A home and home with Port Carling's A team was going to provide a good test to this theory. The boys had won a one goal game earlier in the season against the Thunder so they knew it was going to be a tough game.

The game started well with our mobile defensive unit showing an energy and grit that had been elusive at times. Aiden Garbutt and Alex Wilbee, in particular, were a force on the line, efficiently keeping the defensive zone clear of trouble in the early going. Midway through the period, Ryan Prentice head-manned the puck to Jon Morrison who had a head of steam coming through the middle. Morrison centred the puck to Mitch Billings who crossed the blue line and wristed a nice shot to give the Storm the first goal of the game. The boys had a tough second period with three unanswered goals providing a shift in momentum that was going to be hard to regain. Ryan Hannah, with equipment graciously borrowed from our up and coming back-up goalie Ethan Howe, valiantly kept the game within reach. As the final minute ticked away, Matt Manning cleared the puck to Devyn Prentice who keenly forwarded it up to Alex Petrie in the clear. Petrie made no mistake, burying the puck on the breakaway to bring it back to within two. In the third, the boys relentlessly fore-checked the beleaguered Port Carling defence to force mistake after mistake. The line of Ben Schmidt, Devyn Prentice and Alex Petrie worked the cycle to perfection and were rewarded when Petrie's shot from an odd angle deflected into the Thunder net. With only two minutes left Mitch Billings directed the puck toward the net, and Petrie batted it at the goalie. As a mad scramble ensued, Jon Morrison found the puck as it squirted loose to tie the game. Looks like coach Billings was right, effort means luck will always follow eventually. The next day found the boys travelling to Port Carling but we were unable to get the score before press time.

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Peewee A Storm battles Huntsville

The Highland Storm Dollo's Foodland Peewee A team split a two game weekend against Huntsville. The first game on Saturday in Haliburton saw a scoreless first period with Storm successfully killing consecutive penalties. Huntsville opened the scoring at 4:58 of the second period but the Storm team immediately answered back with a goal by Lucas Haedicke 30 seconds later as he deked the defence and put the puck in top shelf. Tied going into the third period the wheels fell off the Storm wagon as penalties continued to plague the team. Huntsville scored three more goals of which two were on the power-play as they won 4-1.

The Storm Peewee A team travelled to Huntsville on Sunday determined to even up the score. Storm played a good game right from the start but Huntsville opened the scoring with a power-play goal late in the first period. The second period saw multiple Storm penalties which were all successfully killed but leaving little opportunity to score. Going into the third period down 1-0 and playing with only nine skaters against Huntsville's three-line bench, Storm put continuous pressure on a Huntsville team that buckled under as Storm evened up the score with a long-range shot by Owen Gilbert with 5:45

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remaining in the game. Storm kept it up and it was Owen Gilbert again who put in a fantastic bar-down shot from the top of the slot with four minutes remaining. Huntsville tried to come back but the Storm team did not let their guard down and kept most of the remaining play out of their own zone to take the win 2-1.

Submitted by Larry Bukta

Bantam A keep up their winning streak

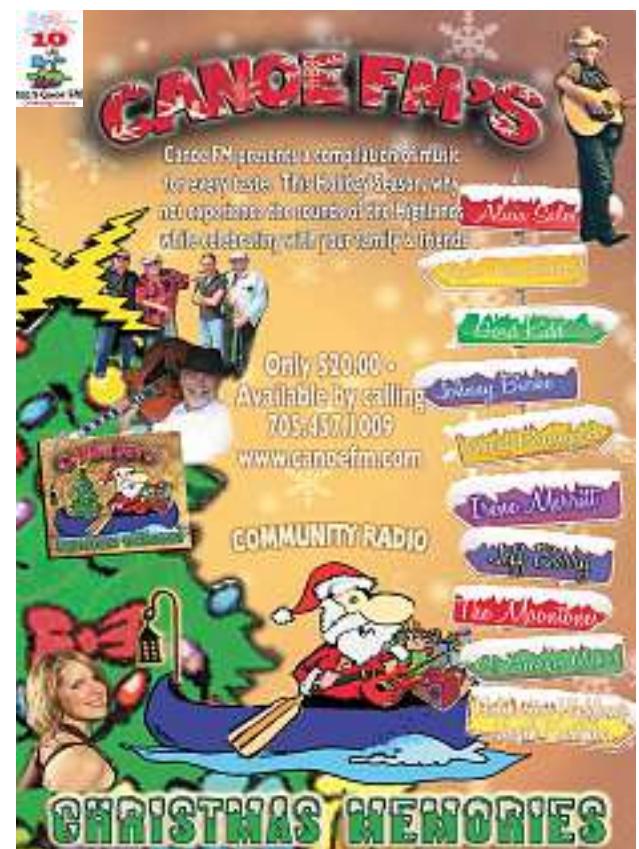
The Ed Smolen dentistry Bantam A team kept their winning streak alive in a fast and exciting game with Huntsville on Friday, Nov. 8 at the Minden Arena. The storm boys came out strong at first as Matt Wilbee opened the scoring with the assist going to Nolan Flood. After that Huntsville seemed to take control tying it up in the first and then scoring three more in the second until Kyle Cooper scored to make it 4-2 unassisted. After the intermission and some advice from the coaching staff the boys once again proved that they are a strong third period team as they managed to make it 4-3 early in the third when Matt Wilbee scored his second goal assisted by Andrew Hall. Then with only a 1:10 left in the game Coach Drew Bishop called a time out and then pulled the goalie as the face off was in Huntsville's end. Storm Nolan Flood tied the game with Owen Smitty Smith and Josh Boice with the assists at the one-minute mark. Then with seven seconds left in the game Josh Boice scored the game winner with assist going to Andrew Hall. The Storm's next home game is Tuesday night in Minden at 7:30 p.m. against Mariposa and again in Haliburton on Friday at 7 p.m. against South Muskoka. Come out and cheer the boys on.

Submitted by Tammy Smith

Midget A team having great season

The Highland Storm "The Highlander" Midget A Team has had a great season so far and are off to Elmvale this coming weekend Nov 15, 16, 17 for a tournament. We wish them luck and will have some highlights from the tournament next week.

Submitted by Jaime Dollo



Book pays tribute to Ontario rail travel

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

A three-year-old Ron Brown fell in love with the train.

After moving to Toronto in 1948, he visited his grandparents in Kingston by taking the train with his parents and was hooked.

It was awe-inspiring then and continues to enthrall him every time the world reveals itself through his passenger window. There is a warm feeling related to the entire experience.

"Sitting in the comfort of the seats with your folks right across from you there and then waiting for it to groan out of

“

It's like being able to see what the people on the train saw.

— Ron Brown

Union Station, I loved to watch from the window even back then. To me it wasn't a nostalgia thing. It was a pleasure

thing," he said.

Writer Brown, 68, is sharing his love and passion in his newest book, *Rails Across Ontario* that he likens to a summary of railways in the province.

He has a passion for everything that is representative of our "visual history" and has written books about ghost towns and unusual things to see during his 35-year writing career.

"With the elimination of a lot of our railway services, it's certainly time to pay particular tribute to that heritage," he said.

Brown was dismayed when the North Land train line from Toronto to Cochrane was discontinued, running its last train in 2012.

"It provided the people who rode it a magnificent cross-section of Ontario's history and geography. You'd go from the suburbs of Toronto through the Oak Ridge hills through the Muskoka region and up into northeastern Ontario through Huntsville," he said.

His book includes overlooked features related to the railway such as stations and in particular, bridges.

"Some of them are spectacular feats of engineering," he said.

A few trestle bridges are still standing, which were used for the Victoria Rail Line. One such bridge can be seen on Haliburton's Rail Trail.

Prior to the book, he visited the area and took a hike on a portion of the Rail Trail.

"It's beautiful country and takes you through a variety of landscapes," he said, referring to the farmland south of Haliburton, the ruggedness of Kinmount and the history of Kinmount and Fenelon Falls. "It's like being able to see what the people on the train saw."

The 216-page paperback published by Dundurn Toronto includes black and white photos and is divided into 11 chapters. Brown recommends if readers want more detailed information about abandoned rail lines they refer to another book of his, *In Search of the Grand Trunk*, released two years ago.

Brown is looking into writing a similar book to his Rails book for Eastern Canada.

Purchase his book locally at Master's Book Store in Haliburton.

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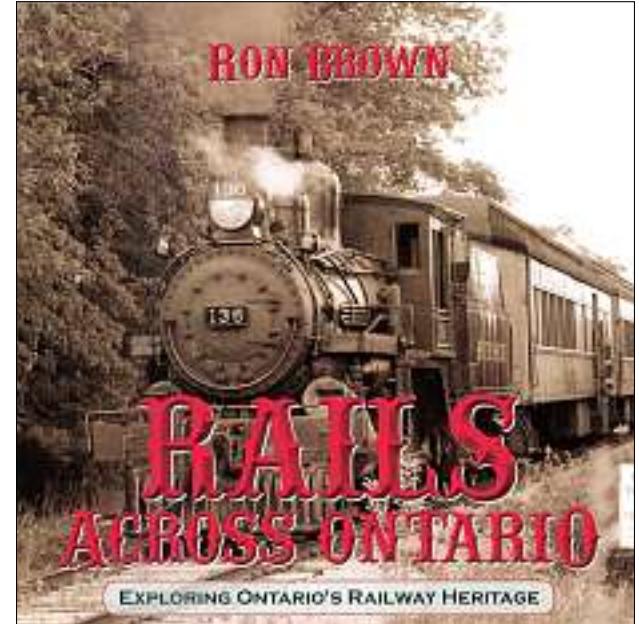
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Darren Lum Staff

Author Ron Brown takes readers back to a time when the rail was king in Ontario with his book *Rails Across Ontario*. He provides a general overview of the railways throughout Ontario, including the Victoria Railway (now the Haliburton County Rail Trail). The Victoria line (from Lindsay to Haliburton) started in 1874 until all rail traffic stopped in the 1980s.



Nothing to hide

Above, painter Anna Whitmore addresses the audience at her meet the artist reception for her show *Nature's Bold Surrender* at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton on Saturday, Nov. 2. Whitmore, who was inspired by Group of Seven member Tom Thomson, said, "In nature nothing is hidden." The show includes the painting *Abundant Harvest*, depicting a scene from West Guilford. It is on until Dec. 21.

Left, Anna Whitmore's painting *Abundant Harvest*.

Darren Lum Staff

Order a book through Amazon, support Rails End Gallery

Janet Trull

Special to the Echo

It's no accident that November is the month the Giller Prize for Canadian literature is awarded. This gloomy month is the perfect time for gathering your reading material as a hedge against a bad winter. We know it's coming.

Every single warning sign on the *Farmer's Almanac* checklist tells us that this will be a doozy of a winter. Have you ever seen as many pinecones?

I am ready.

Right this very minute, my bedside table is stacked with books. I have poetry and short stories and a mystery called

the *Silent Wife* by A.S.A Harrison purchased at our local bookstore. I have a little non-fiction treasure called *Hamlet's Dresser*, a gift from a friend. I found *The Winter Palace* (the story of Catherine the Great), and *Kanata* (the story of Canada's under-appreciated map-maker, David Thompson) at a used book exchange. The fall issue of my favourite literary magazine, *Fiddlehead*, arrived in the mail. If it starts snowing tomorrow and doesn't stop until Easter, I could not care less.

Here's something you should know if you are gathering some reading material for the month ahead. You can get a great deal and make a donation to the Rails End Gallery at the same time. That's right. Haliburton's own public art gallery has a link on its website (www.railsendgallery.com) that connects to Amazon. If you use that link to order a book,

the Rails End Gallery will get a percentage of the purchase price. This is a terrific way to get your hands on new and used books.

I recently ordered *The Orenda*, by Joseph Boyden, through the link. A beautiful half-price hardcover copy arrived at my door three days later!

Nothing can get my adrenaline going like a bargain and a bit of philanthropy thrown in for good measure. Except, maybe, a good book.

Happy winter reading!

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Just what the doctor ordered

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

When Al Kwan, a registered acupuncturist and traditional Chinese medicine practitioner of Toronto, was looking for a place to practice in rural Ontario he found his way to the Highlands with a search online, stumbling on a listing for a restaurant run by his friend.

Kwan's friend suggested chiropractor Katie Hammerschmidt of Haliburton Chiropractic and Massage Therapy. He is now offering his service on Mondays between 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Kwan, who came to Canada at 20 and is originally from Hong Kong, loves the area and appreciates the opportunity to help people.

"It's open space, clean water, clean air and nice people. It's a wonderful place to practice for Chinese medicine. Chinese medicine is holistic. All natural," he said.

Kwan, who is a married father of five children, three sons and two daughters, represents the third generation of his family practising acupuncture and Chinese medicine. His grandfather practised in the small village of Hoiping, China. So did his father and mother, who had a practice in Hong Kong and then ran the Dr. Tik Wan Kwan Wellness Centre in Toronto's Chinatown starting in 1975. His passion burns for acupuncture because of this legacy and he calls it

a "family tradition."

Acupuncture is an ancient Chinese treatment dating back 2,500 years.

Although it spread to other countries such as Japan, Vietnam and Korea, and then Europe by the 16th century, the practice has not been widely accepted in the West.

Using fine needles twice the size of a follicle of hair, the treatment consists of them being placed at specific places on the body to manipulate qi (pronounced chee), or unexplained energy. The premise is that when qi does not flow, there is pain, and when it does the pain disappears. Acupuncture has been reported to be an effective alternative to medication and surgery.

Kwan said he has treated people suffering from a variety of injuries related to sports, the workplace, falls and car accidents to chronic pain in the lower back, neck and shoulders, including stress, depression, smoking, drug addiction, weight loss, allergies, hormonal and menstrual disorders, allergies, insomnia, migraines, infertility, impotence, digestive and skin disorders.

Besides acupuncture, Kwan provides a holistic approach, using herbal patches and foot massage.

For anyone leery of needles, he said, there is nothing to worry about. Many of his clients started out with anxieties and once they experienced the benefits they ask for more needles.

"Try it and you'll love it," he said. "It's just psychological."

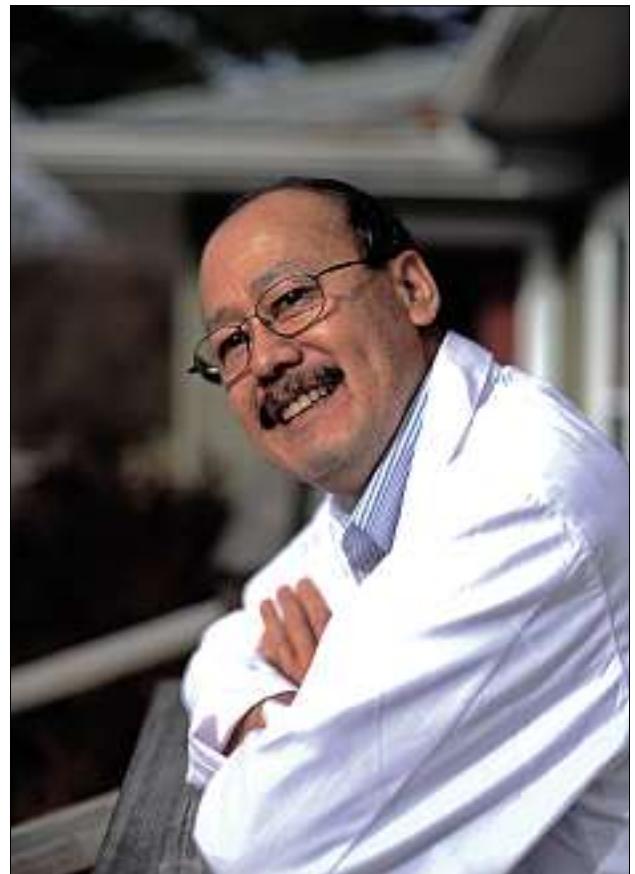
Kwan has been a member of the Canadian Society of Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture since 1995 and a member of the American Traditional Chinese Medical Traumatology Association since 2011.

This past year the provincial government recognized the regulation of the practice by the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Ontario.

Born in 1955, he is far from retirement, but has considered buying a cottage or possibly retiring here.

Hammerschmidt had been sending her patients to Barrie and Peterborough for acupuncture treatments before Kwan called.

Kwan's addition complements the "full circle" of health care service that is already provided at her centre from yoga



Darren Lum Staff

Al Kwan, a registered acupuncturist and traditional Chinese medicine practitioner of Toronto, is joining the Haliburton Chiropractic and Massage Therapy and will be available for appointments from 10 to 5 p.m. Mondays. Kwan represents the third generation in his family to practice acupuncture and Chinese medicine.

to naturopathy and chiropractic, she said.

Hammerschmidt adds her service provides the attention for patients who "fall through the cracks" of traditional Western medicine and who suffer from chronic pains.

"It takes a network of professionals," she said.

Asked who else can be added, Hammerschmidt answered, "We'll see who comes [next]."

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Victoria District Masons support A Place Called Home

Victoria District Masons, which includes North Entrance Lodge in Haliburton and Arcadia Lodge in Minden, recently presented a cheque to A Place Called Home.

Every year, the Freemasons of Victoria District work to raise money to help provide relief to those within their communities through various initiatives; from individual lodge donations to all lodges supporting their annual district charity as chosen by their District Deputy Grand Master. Darren Byrne, District Deputy Grand Master of Victoria District for the 2012-2013 year chose A Place Called Home as the district Charity and received overwhelming support from the brethren of Victoria District.

A Place Called Home is a charitable, non-profit organization that has been providing shelter and 24/7 support services to the homeless in our communities (and those at risk of becoming homeless) for more than 17 years. They operate a 19-bed shelter for youth, adults, couples and families who have found themselves with no safe place to go at the end of their day.

The monies for the district charity were raised through individual and Lodge contributions, a district motorcycle rally, a district lottery draw and a contribution made by the Masonic Foundation of Ontario. On Wednesday, Oct. 2, Darren Byrne and Doug Scott proudly presented a cheque for \$19,450 to A Place Called Home on behalf of all the Freemasons of Victoria District. What an outstanding achievement.

This year 2013-2014, the District Deputy Grand Master, John Deak of North Entrance Lodge, Haliburton has chosen to support the fight against prostate cancer as his district project.

Winners

- 1st Prize (ATV-Polaris 500 HO Sportsman): Neil Gorrill
- 2nd Prize (Two-night getaway at Eganridge Inn and Spa): Jim Ahmed
- 3rd Prize (Photo session with local photographer in Victoria District): Don Burgomaster
- 4th Prize (Two three-foot Colorado Blue Spruce Trees, nur-



The Victoria District Masons, which also represent Haliburton, present A Place Called Home with \$19,450. From left, Lorrie Polito, Rev. Paul Reed, Darren Byrne and Douglas Scott.

ery grown): Don O'Keefe

5th Prize (Wine Batch, 30 bottles): Donna Lee McKnight

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Ross Curry and the case of the stuck honey truck



Janet Trull
Town Dock

where the Bank of Montreal sits today. You see the phone number of the public phone was the number to call if you wanted his handyman or septic pumping services. His business number, if you will.

Ross would park his unique vehicle in the space right in front of that phone booth, settle into the chair in the bed of the truck, light his crooked stem pipe and wait for calls. Local residents knew it was Ross's spot and they didn't park there. Ever. But once in a while, an unwitting tourist would park in front of the phone booth. If Ross found his office occupied, he would nose

right up behind the offending car, put his truck in neutral and wait to slide into his space the second it was free. Of course, no one sits in their office all day, so when he went for coffee or a bite to eat, he'd leave a notepad and a pencil on a string so passersby could take messages for him.

The septic pumping business has never been too glamorous, and Ross hit a low point when, after a call to Tory Hill, he blew a tire on his truck. His jack wasn't strong enough to hoist the back end, so he emptied some raw sewage alongside the road to lighten the load. This resulted in a court appearance. In those days, the travelling magistrate set up court at the Legion every so often. Judge Pearson called on Ross to explain the contents of the load left at the roadside and, always respectful to those in authority, he hesitated, trying to be delicate.

"Well, your honour," he said, "...it wasn't honey."

There was always an audience for Ross's court appearances (yes, there were several!) and that truck of his was called the Honey Truck from that day forward.

Ross, or Sapper to his friends (an old

army nickname for soldiers who worked on road and airfield construction during World War II), was a man with an excessive personality. One of his excesses was gambling and, when business was slow, he'd cruise around town looking for poker players.

"If he saw a likely group of men chatting on the sidewalk, he'd slide open his side window and make a card-dealing gesture with his hands," one of his friends remembers. "If we gave him a nod, he'd head home to put the blanket on his table for poker."

Ross lived in the "wee house" up past the curve on Mountain Street. He bought it from a fellow who won it in the Rotary Carnival draw (it wasn't always a car that was raffled off). The little cottage had no running water, so when Ross hosted a poker game, he'd run across the road to haul a bucket of water from his neighbour's well for his guests.

There are still a few of Ross's poker pals around who will tell you that some of those sessions went all night long, and when a guy was only making \$25 a week, the loss of five dollars meant that there'd be hell to pay at home. Ross, a bachelor, didn't have to do any explaining, but he wasn't a wealthy man himself. When money was tight, and he had a losing streak, he'd grab the closest home appliance, a toaster or maybe a kettle, to cover his bets.

This lifestyle made it hard for Ross to find a nice Haliburton girl who would marry him, and he didn't want to be single forever. One day he read an article in the paper about Judy LaMarsh. Some of you will remember her as a Liberal Member of Parliament, serving in Lester Pearson's cabinet as the minister of health and welfare. An interviewer asked her if she intended to get married, and she replied that she might, if the right person came along.

Ross was pretty sure he would fit the bill, so he wrote her a letter, proposing marriage. Judy wrote a very diplomatic reply, thanking Ross, but explaining that her parliamentary duties kept her too busy to consider marriage at this time. Ross had the letter framed, and hung it proudly on his wall beside signed photos of local hockey players and other celebrity memorabilia. If anyone knows what happened to that letter, I'd sure love to see it.

Ross was an inventor of sorts, probably ahead of his time. He was always coming up with an idea to cut down on work. One

such invention, capturing a lot of attention at the Lindsay Central Exhibition back in the 1940s, was a "saw machine" that could cut up four slabs of stove wood at a time instead of only one. It was a real time-saver, until the inevitable happened. A slab got jammed, and the pressure sent it right through the back wall, like a rocket. More havoc was caused by his snow-shovelling machine, which fired driveway stones like a machine gun at the front of the Austin's beautiful home on Maple Avenue.

His experiments took their toll physically, too. He had a permanent crick in his back from the time he built an airplane and crashed it in his family's Harburn field. He lost a finger to another experiment. Sadly, when he was working on a motor that would self-ignite, a propane explosion cost him his life.

Everyone in town that day, Sept. 19, 1968, remembers the big ka-boom of Sapper's last invention. High school kids looking out their classroom windows saw the smoke rising over the hill.

Winnett and May Austin, his neighbours, were the first on the scene while Dorothy Burke, another neighbour, called for help. Volunteer firefighter, Cecil Winter, arrived to find that Ross's injuries were massive, and he died before he could be transported to hospital. He was 56 years old.

The *Echo* reported that, "The late Ross Curry, like all of us, had his faults, but was a kindly soul, and the shock and sorrow that was plainly visible on the faces of those who were his neighbours, attest that they, and a host of others, are really going to miss him."

Folks around town still miss him, and just about everybody of a certain generation has a story to tell about Sapper. There are several different versions of every story, as they have morphed into mythology. Many of the stories end with: "...but you can't print that in the paper."

One thing everybody agrees on, however, is that Sapper was one of a kind... never to pass this way again. It was a long time before anyone parked a car in front of his phone booth on Highland Street.

Do you have a story to share about the Haliburton Highlands? The Town Dock is the place to reflect on the people and experiences that make this community unique. Send story ideas to: haliburtonlake@gmail.com

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LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al and the Municipality of Highlands East have, by resolution, declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are parts of an original allowance for road located between the geographic Township of Dysart in the Municipality of Dysart et al and the geographic Township of Glamorgan in the Municipality of Highlands East, in the County of Haliburton.

Owner: Thistle
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- Part of N½ of Road Allowance Between the Geographic Township of Dysart in the Municipality of Dysart in the Municipality of Dysart et al and the geographic Township of Glamorgan in the Municipality of Highlands East.
- Defined as Part 1 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Coe, Fisher, Cameron O.L.S. dated August 13th, 2013, being available for review in the Planning Department.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portion of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 12th day of November, 2013

Patricia E. Martin, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Director of Planning and Development

Pic of the Past



Our thanks go out this week to Joe Fox of Haliburton for submitting this photo which was taken on the main street in Haliburton in 1943. Most of you will remember these local gentlemen who have since passed away. On the left is Harold Dean who at that time was a senior hockey player for the Haliburton Indians and was a star player for the Haliburton Indians during the years when they were winning all the trophies at various hockey tournaments. The other gentleman in the picture is none other than Ross Sapper Curry. Ross was employed by many of the local lumber companies and was always very interested in new inventions. Two of his major projects included the building of a log sled and a sawing machine that would practically do everything but pile the wood.

This old Pic of the Past from the Echo shows Harold Dean, left, with Ross Curry.



Dan Busby took this photo on the morning of Saturday, Oct. 26 during the first real snowfall this year.



Vanessa Adair sent in this picture taken at her cottage on Billings Lake of a chipmunk coming out from his hole.



Vanessa Adair saw this owl in Gooderham.

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Diner's Club Minden United Church: Second Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon, at Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St. (Lower Level), Minden. For more info call Brigit at Community Care 705-457-2941

Movies in Haliburton and Minden: In partnership with the Minden United Church and the Haliburton United Church we will be hosting a Movie Club once a month in each location; Minden (November 14th) and regularly on the 2nd Thursday of month at 1:30 pm and Haliburton(November 28th) and regularly on the 4th Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm. There will be a choice of movies for participants and we will have popcorn and goodies for all. No fee for attending, although a donation is appreciated but not required and would be used to help us defer costs. Call Community Care to register 705 457 2941

Nov 16: St. James Anglican Church, Kinmount - Christmas Luncheon & Bazaar: Baking, Crafts, New and Nearly New, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm - We are the church on the hill just past the Artisan's Market

Nov 19: Christmas Craft & Bake Sale, located at the Gooderham United Church. From 10a.m.-3p.m. Lunch available

Nov 20: Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group: at Minden Lions Hall. Doors open 6pm. 7pm speaker: Stephanie Bell-Bissonneault talking about her new book "Telling Tales-a History of South Lake". FREE Everyone welcome. For info 705-286-2225

Nov 22: Poinsettia Luncheon and Christmas Sale from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. St Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave, Minden. Luncheon by Donation. More Information contact Illa Kellett at 705-286-3905

Nov 30: St. James Anglican Church, Kinmount - Kid's Christmas Sale - Nothing over \$1 and we wrap for you! Bring your kids and grandkids to do their shopping 9:30 a.m. - noon

Sunday, November 17th, 2013
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Saturday, November 16th, 2013

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
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Wilberforce vaccination clinic this Wednesday

Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

448-2018

Got you flu shot yet? If you haven't, please know that free flu shots are available from your family doctor.

Also the health unit's community clinic is in Wilberforce this Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 2 to 5:30 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre. Influenza vaccination is also available at the Wilberforce Pharmacy.

Be sure to take your health card.

Influenza is a respiratory illness usually

circulating in the fall and winter. Anyone of any age can get the flu, which can last from two days to a week. Some people can become seriously ill with it, even requiring hospitalization.

So do consider getting this free vaccination.

Deer hunters have been in evidence this past week as they participate in this annual hunt for relaxation in the great outdoors and perhaps for a little venison to tuck in their freezers until someone is up to cooking it.

With the Santa's Workshop Christmas Craft Sale scheduled for the first Saturday

in December those who create crafts and various works of art are busy working on their inventories.

Yes, baking, sewing, knitting can be works of art! The Wilberforce Heritage Guild, which is hosting this sale as a fundraiser for projects at the Outpost Historic House, welcomes a wide variety of items for sale.

Everything from Christmas ornaments and wreaths to reindeer hay and doggy treats should tempt shoppers. We hear there may be chocolate spoons to stir your coffee and candy sticks for a sweet lick. There is sure to be jewelry to catch your

eye. It's at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Dec. 7 fro 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call Cathy at 705-448-2211 or Hilda at 705-448-2018 to book your space.

The Remembrance Day service was held in Wilberforce on Monday, Nov. 11. This time of honouring and remembering those who have served our country well in wartime and as peacekeepers will be reported in more detail next time.

They shall not grow old as we who are left grow old. Age cannot weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

Career & Business Opportunities



Township of Algonquin Highlands

requires a

Fire Chief

The Township of Algonquin Highlands with a permanent population of 2,000 and a seasonal population exceeding 10,000 is known within Central Ontario as an area of natural beauty where residents enjoy a rural lifestyle second to none.

As a result of an upcoming retirement, the Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications from experienced, qualified persons for the position of Fire Chief. Reporting to the C.A.O., and as a member of the Senior Management Team, the Fire Chief is responsible for the overall operation of the fire services including administration, policy development, budget development and management, operational procedures, fire suppression/investigation, fire prevention and public education, emergency medical responses, community emergency planning, public relations and ensuring compliance with the Ontario Fire Code, Municipal By-Laws and Provincial and Federal legislation. The Fire Chief also supervises a full-time Training Officer and volunteer resources within three (3) stations.

The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- A minimum of ten (10) years progressive related experience with a volunteer department including five (5) years management experience sufficient to demonstrate competency and extensive knowledge of all aspects of the position.
- A related post-secondary education or community college diploma in Fire Services.
- Community Emergency Management Coordinator designation from Emergency Management Ontario is preferred.
- Ontario Fire College Company Officer certification.
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- Successful applicant will be willing to enroll, be enrolled or is a graduate of continuing education at the Ontario Fire College pertaining to technical training and enforcement responsibilities.
- Must possess current CPR and First Aid Certification.
- Must possess a valid class "DZ" Ontario Driver's License in good standing.
- Excellent organizational and time management skills.
- A solid understanding of municipal budget planning, forecasting and management principles.
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Salary Range : \$67,904.20 - \$76,440.00

A detailed job description is available at www.algonquinhIGHLANDS.ca or upon request.

Qualified candidates are invited to submit an application including a resume and cover letter by **3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2013** to:

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Township of Algonquin Highlands
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Email – abird@algonquinhIGHLANDS.ca

Best wishes, Betty Berry

West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

754-2278

Best wishes to Betty Berry on her 80th birthday. Several friends gathered on Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Maple Lake United Church in the afternoon and gave Betty a real surprise, a very happy one, when she came in to what she thought was a different occasion. Such fun to be able to pull it off like that, have a good party as well.

Once again the craft and bake sale was a success due to the organization by Nancy Brink and the co-operation of the many vendors and the volunteers behind the lunch counter. Your reporter was not as ambitious as usual and failed to obtain each vendor's name with the product. What I can recall is the table of books, the one of wooden bowls the dishes, the Watkins products, the Mary Kay table, the one for funds for the ballet class which goes to the trip to

New York later in 2014, the jams and preserves, the bubble-top clothing, the excellent sewn and knitted crafts, the jewelry, the cheese and spices table and the homemade fudge! Sales seemed to go well for the tea table, too, the personalized towels and hand-crafted soft toys, a delight to touch.

In the midst of all this activity was the thought in the back of our minds of the sadness of the passing of Barbara Barry last week. Interment happened on Nov. 9, 2013 at Maple Lake United Church Cemetery, the Rev. Max Ward officiating. Our sympathy goes to the Reynolds family and the Barry families, also and especially to Barbara's son, Derwin Barry. A community reception held on Sunday at the Centre gave us the chance to extend condolences to those who held Barbara dear.

Euchre on Tues. night showed the following results at seven tables of players: High - Kathee Freeman and John Kerr. Low- Diane Madonik and Emile Duchene. Most lone hands - Kay Morrison and Bert Craig. Specials - Tina Hadley and Myra Marshall.



Wilberforce library receives donation

Haliburton Rotary Club members present Haliburton County Public Library CEO Bessie Sullivan, second from left, with a \$1,500 donation for the new Wilberforce library branch on Nov. 5. The funds are in memory of Harold Herlihey and Chester Schwandt, two former Rotarians who were residents of Wilberforce and have since passed away. Herlihey was a past-president of the Haliburton club and district governor in 1971. The donation will be used to enhance and expand the collection at the new Wilberforce branch, which is still under construction. From left, rotarians Maureen O'Hara, David Zilstra and Richard van Nood.

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Thank You Notes

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On behalf of the family of the late George Nicholls, we will be forever grateful for the compassion, love and support given to us during this difficult time.

Thank you to everyone who sent heartfelt emails, cards, made donations in Dad's name, personal visits, sent flowers and food. Gord Monk Funeral Home for your guidance. Special thank you to Dr. Steve Ferracuti and Dr. Jeff Dawson for your kind and understanding way you both were with our Dad. Nurses and staff at the Haliburton Hospital for the wonderful care and compassion you always gave. Sara McCrea, Medigas and CCAC for your services. West Guilford Community Centre for holding the beautiful luncheon and all the ladies who graciously volunteered their time.

It is going to be hard for us to move on with out him but we are taking each day as it comes. We are so truly blessed to have such good friends and an amazing family. We are sincerely touched and humbled by all everyone has done.

God Bless
Marjorie, Alberta, Bernie, Cheryl, David, Erin and our families

Obituaries

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November 23, 1963



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Thank You Notes

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We would like to thank our family for the lovely afternoon party held on November 2/13 to celebrate our 70th wedding anniversary and to our friends who attended making it a day to remember. A special thanks to the ladies of the United Church of Gooderham for the lovely lunch they provided.

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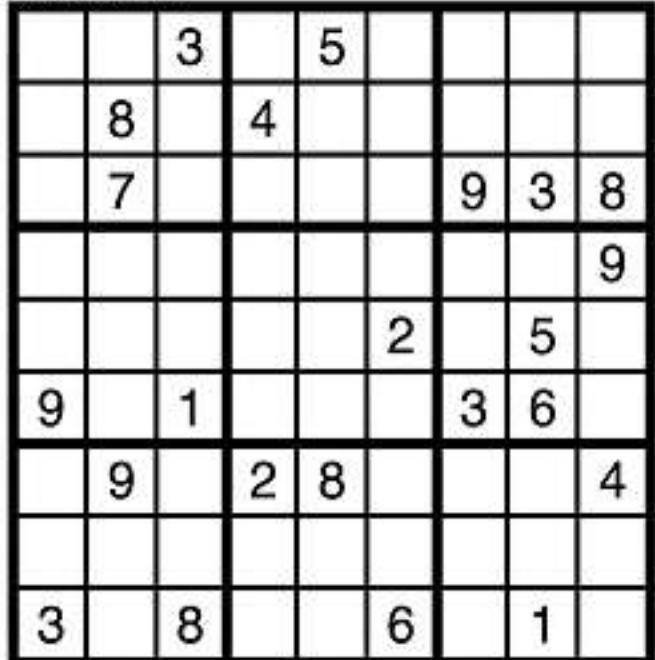


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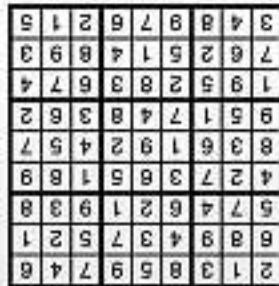


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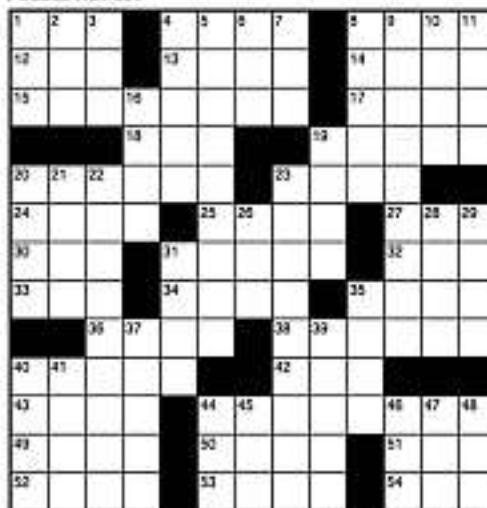
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ACROSS

- 1. Venomous snake
- 4. Low female voice
- 8. Hit hard
- 12. Prompt
- 13. Crazy bird
- 14. Tex-Mex fare
- 15. Wood-eating insects
- 17. Belongs to us
- 18. Cereal grain
- 19. Pine fruit
- 20. Route taken
- 23. ____ the lily
- 24. Chain unit
- 25. Mob scene
- 27. Superman's logo
- 30. Ancient
- 31. Nutty
- 32. Converse, slangily
- 33. Colorize
- 34. Clasped
- 35. 18-wheeler
- 36. Bread and whiskey
- 38. Unmarried woman
- 40. Escorted
- 42. Slip up
- 43. Woeful sigh
- 44. Pungent, edible roots
- 49. Oxen team
- 50. Notable times
- 51. European peak
- 52. Visualizes
- 53. Strike out
- 54. Cloud's locale

DOWN

- 1. Play unit
- 2. "Curly ____"
- 3. Part of rpm
- 4. Assumed name
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If you ARE going to be around during the showing, brew a pot of coffee or iced tea and take the pets out for a walk.



THE BEST THING a seller can do during the showing of the home is to remain out of the way.
